

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1 and 3-15 are pending. Claims 8-15 are allowed.


Regarding the objection to the specification, the specification has been amended to replace the term "and" with "an" in page 6, line 15. Applicants have also further reviewed the specification and have corrected minor errors.

Claim 2 has been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims. In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2. Applicants submit that amended claim 1, and the claims that depend therefrom, are now allowable.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action. No fee is believed due in regard to the present amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832. Should any questions arise regarding any of the above, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 609-734-6815.

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